

Remarks

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 9, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-5 and 8-22 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-5 and 8-22 stand rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for the reasons presented below.

Claims 1-5, 8-10, and 16-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,527,865 B1 to *Sajoto et al.* in view of WO 01/46498 A3 to *Frijlink*. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Sajoto et al. and the present application were commonly owned by Applied Materials, Inc. at the time the present application was filed. As such, *Sajoto et al.* is not valid prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). Attached herewith is a Statement Of Common Ownership signed by the attorney of record. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Attached herewith is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing the parent case of *Sajoto et al.* which issued more than 1 year prior to the filing of the present application.

Claims 11, 12, 20, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,527,865 B1 to *Sajoto et al.* in view of WO 01/46498 A3 to *Frijlink* as applied to claims 1-5 and 8-10 above, and further in view of US Patent 6,666,920 B1 to *Sillmon et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

As noted above, *Sajoto et al.* and the present application were commonly owned by Applied Materials, Inc. at the time the present application was filed. As such, *Sajoto et al.* is not valid prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c). Attached herewith is a Statement Of Common Ownership signed by the attorney of record. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,527,865 B1 to *Sajoto et al.* in view of WO 01/46498 A3

to *Frijlink* as applied to claims 1-5 and 8-10 above, and further in view US Patent 5,911,834 to *Fairbairn et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

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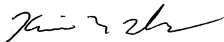
Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,527,865 B1 to *Sajoto et al.* in view of WO 01/46498 A3 to *Frijlink* and US Patent 5,911,834 to *Fairbairn et al.* as applied to claims 1-5, 8-10, 13-15, and 19 above and further in view of US Patent 6,666,920 B1 to *Sillmon et al.* Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

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In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons presented above and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP


In response to the Final Office Action mailed dated August 9, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 9, 2006, please enter this Statement Of Common Ownership and reconsider the claims pending in the application. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/008758/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

I, Keith M. Tackett, do hereby state as follows:

1. I am an attorney of record for the present application.
2. The present application and US Patent No. 6,527,865 B1 were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by Applied Materials, Inc.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that these statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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